

Azim Uddin elected NSU trustee board chair 4th time

CITY DESK

Azim Uddin Ahmed, one of the founding members of North South University (NSU), has been unanimously elected as the Chairperson of Board of Trustees of the university for the fourth time. Ahmed is also the chairperson of Mutual Group of Companies and a sponsor director and former chairperson of Southeast Bank Limited. Throughout his career, he has been at the helm of nine companies, said a press release. Born on June 30, 1940 in Chhagalnaiya of Feni in an influential family, he started his first business in 1962. and is today a well-respected leader of the business community.



No reason for Khaleda to seek presidential clemency: BNP

UNB, Dhaka

BNP yesterday said there is no reason for its Chairperson Khaleda Zia to seek clemency from the president since she did not commit any crime. "There's no question of seeking pardon as she (Khaleda) has not committed any crime..." said BNP's organising secretary Syed Emran Saleh Prince. On Wednesday, Law Minister Anisul Haq in parliament said Khaleda Zia has to confess first to her corruption offences and then seek pardon from the president to go abroad for her treatment. Prince said, "We strongly protest the statements made by the law minister in parliament." He said BNP chairperson has been suffering from serious heart, kidney and liver complications, and receiving treatment at her Gulshan residence since she was discharged from Evercare Hospital in the capital. The BNP leader said the medical board formed at the Evercare Hospital for Khaleda's treatment recommended sending her to an advanced centre abroad. He also refuted the law minister's comment that there is no scope to reconsider a fresh application of Khaleda's family to send her abroad under Section 401 of (CrPC) since it has been disposed of earlier. The government can do it if it wants to under Section 401 of the CrPC, he said. "We would like to say the government has to shoulder all the responsibilities if anything bad happens to Khaleda Zia," Prince said.

Switzerland commits Tk 90cr as Covid-19 aid to Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Switzerland has committed an additional 9.8 million Swiss Francs (Tk 90 crore) to scale up its support for an effective community-based response as Covid-19 cases are again on the rise in Bangladesh. With these funds, Switzerland broadens engagement with national and international partner organisations, in collaboration with Bangladesh, to help local communities curb the spread of coronavirus and reinforce socioeconomic resilience, a Swiss Embassy statement said yesterday. Since the first outbreak of the pandemic in April last year, Switzerland has earmarked 17 million Swiss Francs (Tk 160 crore) to over 20 projects across Bangladesh, reaching the most vulnerable and remote communities and supporting organisations working at the frontline. So far, with Swiss support, around 1.5 million people were sensitised and trained on upholding hygiene standards; one million people received telemedicine services for Covid-19; 130,000 slum dwellers received hygiene kits and 80,000 gained access to handwashing facilities. Besides, 115,000 people received cash and 60,000 food or vitamin contributions.

Delwar new envoy to South Korea, Abida to Mexico

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has appointed Md Delwar Hossain, director general of Myanmar wing at the foreign ministry, as the next ambassador to South Korea. Abida Islam, who is now the Bangladesh ambassador to Korea, has been appointed as ambassador to Mexico, according to a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. Delwar Hossain is a career foreign service officer belonging to the 17th batch of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Foreign Affairs cadre. He served in various capacities in Bangladesh Missions in Paris, Tripoli, Thimphu and Beijing in his diplomatic career. At the foreign ministry, he worked for multiple wings in different capacities. He obtained his MBA from IBA, Dhaka University and BSc-in-Mechanical Engineering from Khulna University of Engineering and Technology. He also earned a diploma in International Relations from the International Institute of Public Administration in Paris, France. Abida Islam, the next ambassador of Korea, will also be concurrently accredited to Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Honduras. She is a career foreign service officer who belongs to the 15th batch of the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Foreign Affairs cadre. She served in various capacities in Bangladesh missions in London, Colombo, Brussels, and Kolkata in her diplomatic career. At the headquarters, she worked in multiple wings in different capacities.

DU asks students to get NID for vaccines

Transport, dormitory fees since Mar 2020 waived

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) authorities yesterday urged students to prepare their national ID cards immediately, if they do not have one, to get Covid-19 vaccine. In a press release, authorities said for vaccination, students should provide information within July 6 on DU's webpage (ssl.du.ac.bd/student/), using their institutional email ID. The information will be sent to the Election Commission, and after getting its response, students will get further information through e-mail. Meanwhile, the authorities finally decided to waive transport and hall fees since March 2020, when the university was closed, due to the pandemic. In a press release, authorities said considering students' limitations and demand, they are waiving fees till the university reopens. Students who already paid the fees, will have their accounts adjusted later, it said. On June 20, The Daily Star published a report on students' frustration about the fees, as they did not use dormitory and transport facilities for around a year and half.

Form a

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indigenous people of plainlands, their lands, reservoirs and forest areas, he said, adding "Nothing has been done yet to form the commission in 12 years." Flora Babli Talang, a Khasia leader from Moulvibazar, said, "We have been demanding for a separate land commission since 2001. When will it be implemented? After all of us are driven out of our land?" Convener of parliamentary caucus on indigenous affairs Fazle Hossain Badsha said indigenous people are being evicted because they do not have a document. "It is the state's responsibility to give this paper, it didn't fulfil its responsibility," he said.

Demand for

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Golam Mawla, a lawyer by profession, alleged that he admitted his father to an ICU of a private hospital in the city on Sunday but the hospital handed over a Tk 96,000 bill to him in 24 hours. He urged the authorities concerned to fix the treatment rate of Covid-19 patients at private hospitals in the city. Contacted, Civil Surgeon Dr Sheikh Fazle Rabbi said he did not get any such complaint. "If we get specific complaint, we would investigate into it," he said. There is no scope for capitalising helplessness of patients this way, he added. Meanwhile, five patients died of Covid-19 and 552 tested positive in Chattogram in 24 hours till 11:30pm on Wednesday. On Tuesday, 10 persons died -- highest in 66 days. Besides, 399 people tested positive out of 1,364 on Tuesday. Of the 399 patients, 284 were from the city and 115 from upazilas, said Dr Rabbi. Meanwhile, the rate of death is still high in upazilas. Of the 10 deceased on Tuesday, six were from different upazilas. According to experts, apathy towards following health rules, social transmission of the Delta variant and limitation of proper treatment facilities at local health complexes were the key reasons behind this.

Doa mahfil

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his sleep at his paternal home in Cumilla after suffering from illness for a long time. A respected figure in the global business community, Latifur single-handedly built one of the biggest business conglomerates in the country with his hard work, perseverance, and entrepreneurial skills. Latifur was a member of the executive board of ICC-Paris, vice president of ICC-Bangladesh and member of Brac's governing body. He was a member of the Bangladesh Better Business Forum and the Advisory Committee on World Trade Organisation. He was also president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka for seven terms and of Bangladesh Employers' Federation. Latifur was also chairman of the Bangladesh government's Trade Body Reforms Committee and a member of Bangladesh Bank's executive board. He was an honouree of "Oslo Business for Peace Award 2012" and was awarded Business Executive of the Year 2001 by

Repeal

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The statement also condemned Comilla University's move to revoke the promotion of Kazi Anis, another teacher of the same department, over a 'feeble' excuse. It said Anis was promoted to the post of assistant professor by the 79th syndicate, but the next syndicate cancelled it, because his prior experience certificate was addressed "To whom it may concern" instead of "To Registrar". "We see such a step as an undemocratic and hateful behaviour towards dignified and responsible teachers. This degrades the overall honour of universities in society," it said. The statement was signed, among others, by Anu Muhammad, Kamrul Hasan Mamun, Gitiara Nasreen, Fahmidul Haq, Samina Luthfa, Maidul Islam, Ar Razi, Raihan Rain, Saif Reza Newton. Meanwhile, University Students' Network also sent a statement to media yesterday, demanding that the unjust action against Mahbubul Haque Bhuiyan be repealed. The university did not take any action against those responsible for a student coming into the merit list despite being absent in admission test, but formed two committees to find who disclosed the fraudulent to media, the statement said, terming it an instance of administrative corruption.

Streets empty

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In Barishal, the district administration, police and Rab were seen on the streets since early morning. Most of the shops except grocery and kitchen markets were closed. Four mobile courts were active in the city at the initiative of the district administration. They fined 16 people a total of Tk 7,200 for violating rules. Meanwhile, district administration sources said army and BGB personnel also patrolled major areas. In Khulna, police set up 26 check posts under nine police stations in the district. Visiting various areas of the city including Royal Mor, Picture Palace mor, Moylapota, Nirala, Gallamari, Sonadanga bus terminal, Daulatpur, Boyra Bazar and Rupsa, it was seen that almost all the areas remained cordoned off. There was very limited movement of people on city roads. Khulna District Superintendent of Police Mohammad Mahbub Hasan said, "We are working to ensure that the notification issued by the cabinet to reduce the rate of

Covid-19 infection is maintained properly." DC Moniruzzaman Talukder told The Daily Star that mobile courts are being run in Khulna metropolitan area and districts under the leadership of 13 executive magistrates to strictly enforce the lockdown. In the metropolis, 20 people were fined Tk 7,900 by mobile courts from till afternoon. "One army battalion and two BGB platoons have been deployed in Khulna. Executive magistrates in the metropolis, UNOs in 9 upazilas and AC lands are working with them. They are campaigning for everyone to follow the hygiene rules. Those who do not abide by the rules are being penalised," he added. Meanwhile, our correspondents from Munshiganj, Narayanganj, Tangail, Patuakhali, Bagerhat, Pabna reported that many people were seen stepping out of home without any reason, despite strict measures being taken by army, police and mobile courts. Whenever they saw any army or police personnel, they immediately hid themselves in the alleys, they added.

Migrant workers'

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the hospital with the first doses of Pfizer vaccine, which the government said was 'token'. Responding to a query, Minister Imran Ahmed said the new migrant workers were "ready" for inoculation from earlier. He said while registering through Surokha app, if migrant workers put their passport number, among other options, they will be accepted automatically in the system. Through the app, it could also be known at what hospital their inoculation will be administered, he further said, adding they will issue a circular regarding migrant workers' vaccine registration with BMET. He urged the demonstrating migrant workers to have patience. The government's Surokha app is designated for Covid-19 vaccine registration and operated by the information and communication technology (ICT) division. Migrant workers heading abroad, especially to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, will get the Pfizer vaccines at seven centres in the capital. The vaccination will be done based on lists of workers provided by the BMET, said health officials. The centres are: Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital, Mugda Medical College Hospital, Shaheed Shuhrawardy Medical College Hospital, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Kurmitola General Hospital and Sheikh Russel National Gastroenterology Institute and Hospital. Also yesterday, administration of Sinopharm vaccine started in all district hospitals and 40 centres across the capital. Addressing migrant workers yesterday, expatriates' welfare ministry secretary Ahmed Munir Saleheen said migrant workers will be able to register through Surokha from Monday. For this, both old and new migrant workers have to be registered with BMET, he said. He added the ministry has taken initiative so that migrant workers are inoculated with Covid-19 vaccine on a priority basis. Referring to migrant workers who were inoculated yesterday, the secretary said such arrangement was 'token' and that only a handful of migrant workers had the opportunity. BMET AND SUROKHA APP REGISTRATION PROCESSES

Hate will

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Simona Monti (33); and Japanese nationals Koyo Ogasawara (56), Makoto Okamura (32), Yuko Sakai (42), Rui Shimodaira (27), Nobuhiro Kurosaki (48), Hiroshi Tanaka (80), and Hideki Hashimoto (65). The two-storey building is not being used as a café or restaurant anymore. It's a residential building that bears no sign of the attack. During a visit, this newspaper found flower bouquets on a table there. Due to the coronavirus-related lockdown beginning yesterday, foreign diplomats paid respects to the memories of the victims with floral garlands at the memorial on Wednesday afternoon. "...We renew our commitment to fight against religious extremism and terrorism," said Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Enrico Nunziata, paying homage to the deceased in a tweet. "Today is the day of mourning and commemorating the victims of the Holy Artisan Bakery terror attack. Honored to lay wreaths with @italyibnd, @USAmbBangladesh abd @VDoraiswami," tweeted Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, Naoki Ito. "Those Japanese experts were engaged in F/S of Dhaka Metro Line 1, which starts construction work next year," he said. US Ambassador Earl R Miller said he was honored to join other ambassadors on this

solemn occasion to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the attack. "The precious lives tragically lost will remain in our hearts today and always." Paying homage to memories of those killed in the attack, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami said that "hate will never win". Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen and European Union Ambassador to Bangladesh, Rensje Teerink, among others, paid tribute to the memories of the deceased. Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shafiqul Islam and Rab Director General Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun laid floral wreaths at the murals (at Gulshan Old Police Station Compound) of Detective Branch assistant commissioner Rabiul Karim and Banani Police Station officer-in-charge Salaudinn, who were killed by the militants. Marking the occasion, people from all strata of life in Manikganj paid tribute to the victims, reports our correspondent in Manikganj. Maintaining health rules, members of police in Manikganj and locals paid their respects at the grave of Rabiul Karim at Katigram Graveyard under Manikganj sadar. A doa mahfil was also held, attended by Rabiul's batchmate Manikganj Sadar Circle additional police superintendent Bhaskar Saha, Khrisnapur Union chairman Piplob Hossain Selim, and family members.

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